

What does the urban future look like?

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From the 26th till 29th of October, SIA Jaunrīgas attīstības uzņēmums is participating in the 32nd congress of the International Urban Development Association (INTA), hosted by Rīga, the capital of Latvia. The programme explores the guidelines for achieving more efficient and pleasant cities—competitiveness, attractiveness and large-scale urban projects—as well as emphasises the need for stimulating cooperation, creativity, arts and culture while materialising the aforesaid goals.

The convention offers public addresses and presentations by 70 practitioners, government officials and scholars from 27 countries, among them Valters Māziņš, Chairman of the Board of SIA Jaunrīgas attīstības uzņēmums, the developers of Riga Port City (Andrejsala). In his presentation, Mr Māziņš will talk about prerequisites of sustainable development in large-scale projects, co-operation among the developer, the state and society, and solutions to create a pleasant urban environment.

The first day of the congress, October 27, is dedicated to topics such as competitiveness, cooperation and cohesion. The next day proposes to examine creativity, culture and territorial attractiveness. The congress will conclude on October 28 when the participants will share their views on area development and the managing of large-scale development projects.

The 32nd World Urban Development Congress, headed by the INTA, takes place in cooperation with the Rīga City Council, the Latvian Association of Major Cities, the Latvian Ministry of Regional Development and Local Government, the state agency Jaunie „Trīs brāļi” and the Latvian Ministry of Culture. The event is supported by SIA Jaunrīgas attīstības uzņēmums; VEOLIA Environment; RATP (Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens / Paris' Independent Transport Authority).

The mission of the International Urban Development Association is to function as a world-leading, on-going forum uniting urban planning and development specialists. The INTA's conventions and exchange platforms help to create a positive synergy between specific urban development undertakings, the lessons learned from them and the results of relevant research. They do so by coordinating cooperation channels between the industry's professionals and academia. The organisation often brings together the most outstanding practitioners from various parts of the planet, thus enabling them to share with one another their newest findings, strategic visions and actively discuss the optimum ways of advancing specific cities' development processes.